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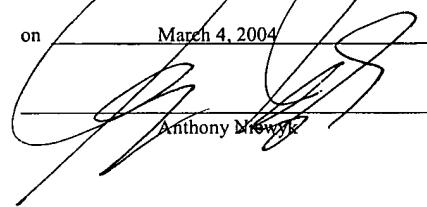
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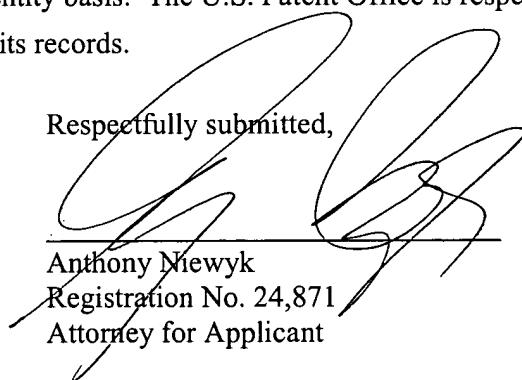

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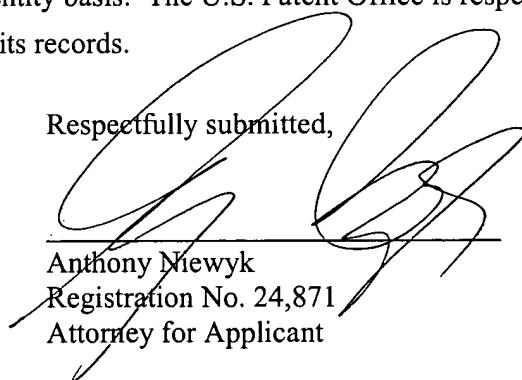
ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

The undersigned asserts that the current assignee of record, Ferric, Inc., qualifies as a Small Entity and therefore, is eligible for reduced fees. Therefore, any further fees payable in this matter will be submitted on a small entity basis. The U.S. Patent Office is respectfully requested to make note of this change in its records.


Respectfully submitted,


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